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For: METHODS OF ANALYSIS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 6, 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on April 6, 2004. A Petition for a 2-month Extension of Time is hereby made, extending the time for response up to and including June 7, 2004, as June 6 is a Sunday. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0426 in the amount of \$420.00. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/056,908 for  
METHODS OF ANALYSIS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS  
Our Ref. No. 1392/15

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment Transmittal Form (2 pages);
2. An Amendment A (49 pages); and
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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